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## Fenty's 'Green Agenda' Takes Root

**BLOOM TOWN:** Wet, mild weather has brought D.C.'s trees, seen here Tuesday, into spectacular flower. But Mayor Adrian M. Fenty wants more — his pledge Tuesday to make the city more environmentally friendly includes a promise to increase tree cover by 5 percent. Also on his "Green Agenda": more energy-efficient buildings, cleaner streams and a larger bike-rental program.

## Torture Charges Possible

Obama open to probe of harsh CIA interrogations

**WASHINGTON** | President Obama left the door open Tuesday to prosecuting Bush administration officials who devised the legal authority for gruesome terror-suspect interrogations, saying the United States lost "our moral bearings" with the use of the tactics.

The president discussed the issue of terrorism-era interrogation tactics with reporters as he finished an Oval Office meeting with visiting King Abdullah II of Jordan.

Obama also said he could support a congressional investigation into the Bush-era terrorist detainee program, but only under certain conditions, such as if it were done on a bipartisan basis. He said he worries about the impact that high-intensity, politicized hearings in Congress could have on the government's efforts to cope with terrorism.

Press secretary Robert Gibbs said later that the independent Sept. 11 Commission, which investigated and then reported on the terror attacks of 2001, might be a model.

The president had said earlier that he didn't want to see prosecutions of the CIA agents and interrogators who took part in waterboarding and other harsh interrogation tactics, so long as they acted within parameters spelled out by government superiors who held that such practices were legal at the time. JENNIFER LOVEN (AP)



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BIZARRE

## Pillow Fight Occurs Outside Sorority

A pillow fight organized as a "flash mob" event drew about 50 participants, and police charged one of them with disorderly conduct. The incident Friday in a Burlington, Vt., mall lasted about two minutes. Darin Cassler, 21, who helped plan the event, blew a whistle to start the fight and blew it again to signal the end. He could get 60 days in jail and a \$500 fine. (AP)

BORING

## Low-Speed Chase Fails to Rivet Anyone

Police arrested a 38-year-old man who allegedly stole a forklift on Wednesday and hit a street sign and a telephone pole. The man is due in court next month. After the vehicle ran out of gas, the man sought treatment at a local hospital for alcohol and drug intoxication. Police said he had no proof of insurance and his driver's license had expired. (AP)



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

PAGEANTRY

## Happy April Drools' Day

Owners slapped tutus, blond wigs, goggles and all kinds of wacky hats on their bulldogs for Drake University's annual Beautiful Bulldog Contest in downtown Des Moines. But this glam specimen didn't take home the Beautiful Bulldog award — top honors went to Porterhouse, a two-time runner-up and holder of a previous year's Mr. Congeniality award. He beat out 49 other dogs from eight states.

(AP)

NON-THEVERY

**"[He] admitted to tying his own hands and feet."**

— A PALM CITY, FLA., MAN WHO FABRICATED AN ARMED ROBBERY TO MAKE HIS GIRLFRIEND FEEL BAD ABOUT LEAVING HIM. HE DESCRIBED ERSATZ SUSPECTS TO POLICE, WHO CALLED HIS RUSE A "FLAGRANT WASTE" OF RESOURCES.



EMPLOYERS

## Woman Fails to First Lodge Complaint With HR

Akron, Ohio, police say a 52-year-old woman was attacked on her first day as an exotic dancer by a jealous co-worker wielding a stiletto heel. Akron police

Lt. Rick Edwards says the woman was assailed Friday night by a co-worker who didn't think the club needed more dancers. Police say one of the dancers took her stiletto and repeatedly struck the woman in the face as she walked into the basement dressing room. The woman was treated at a hospital and received seven staples. She has declined to press charges against her assailant. (AP)

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## In Brief

## CHICAGO

**Judge Keeps Blagojevich Away From Reality Show**

A federal judge dashed indicted former Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich's reality TV dream



Blagojevich

Tuesday, refusing to give the ousted Democrat permission to travel to Costa Rica to tape a show in the jungle. U.S. District Judge James Zagel refused to modify terms of Blagojevich's bail to allow him to leave the United States, saying he needs to remain in the country to help his attorneys formulate his defense. Blagojevich had sought permission to appear on the NBC show "I'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here!" (AP)

## RICHMOND, VA.

**Man Enters Not-Guilty Plea After 21 Years on the Run**

A Michigan man convicted of defrauding the Defense Department returned to a Virginia courtroom Tuesday to face a charge of failure to appear at his 1988 sentencing, federal prosecutors said. John C. Curtiss, 65, pleaded not guilty to the charge. He was found after authorities in Nassau, Bahamas, picked him up on an immigration visa violation. (AP)

# Obama Signs National Service Bill

President encourages Americans to take part in volunteering

**WASHINGTON** | Calling on Americans to volunteer, President Obama signed a \$5.7 billion national service bill Tuesday that triples the size of the AmeriCorps service program over the next eight years and expands ways for students to earn money for college.

"We need your service, right now, in this moment in history. ... I'm asking you to stand up and play your part," Obama said.

Joining Obama was Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, who has been battling brain cancer. Kennedy championed the legislation with Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and the bill was named in honor of the Massachusetts Democrat.

Kennedy told the audience that included former president Bill Clinton, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and former first lady Rosalyn Carter that Obama's efforts echoed that of his late brother, former president John F. Kennedy.



President Obama examines his muddy shoe Tuesday as he and first lady Michelle Obama plant a tree during a project at D.C.'s Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens.

"Today, another young president has challenged another generation to give back to their nation,"

Kennedy said, citing his brother's advocacy of the Peace Corps.

The service law expands ways

for students to earn money for college through their volunteer work. It aims to foster and fulfill people's desire to make a difference, such as by mentoring children, cleaning up parks or buildings and weatherizing homes for the poor.

"All that's required on your part is a willingness to make a difference," Obama said. "And that is, after all, the beauty of service: Anybody can do it."

Obama visited the SEED School of Washington, a public boarding school that serves inner-city students facing problems in both the classroom and at home, for the signing ceremony.

Afterward, Obama and first lady Michelle Obama joined Clinton to plant trees at a national park site along the Anacostia River in Northeast Washington. At the Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens, Obama rolled up his sleeves with volunteers from the Student Conservation Association and local public high schools.

"Somebody forgot my boots," Obama joked to the students.

ANN SANNER (AP)



**IN COURT He Makes Judge Judy Look Soft** A state judge in Pocatello, Idaho, who said he lost patience with an unruly defendant ordered court officials to cover the man's mouth with duct tape. The unusual move was ordered Monday by 6th District Judge Peter D. McDermott during a probation violation hearing for Nicklas Frasure. During the hearing, Frasure made repeated outbursts and ignored the judge's orders to refrain from interrupting the court. The judge ordered bailiffs to silence Frasure, which they did with the tape. (AP)

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## Nation

# Craigslist Suspect Charged

**Police: Med. student killed masseuse he met through Web site**

BOSTON | A Boston medical student accused of targeting women who advertised exotic services on Craigslist was ordered held without bail Tuesday on charges that he sought to rob a masseuse, but bashed her in the head and shot her through the heart when she fought back.

Philip Markoff, 22, a second-year medical student at Boston University, said nothing during a brief appearance Tuesday in Boston Municipal Court, where he was ordered held on charges including murder, armed robbery and kidnapping.

"Philip Markoff is not guilty of the charges. He has his family's support," said Markoff's defense attorney John Salsberg.

Prosecutors say they traced an e-mail address used to set up an appointment with masseuse Julissa Brisman of New York City to Markoff, who was on his way



Boston University medical student Philip Markoff, center, is arraigned in Boston.

to Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut with his fiancee when he was arrested Monday afternoon.

Brisman was found dead April 14 in a Boston luxury hotel. Markoff is also charged with robbing and tying up another woman who advertised a massage on Craigslist on April 10.

Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel Conley says authorities searching Markoff's home in Quin-

cy found a semiautomatic weapon, restraints and duct tape — evidence he called "critical, powerful."

Markoff's fiance, Megan McAlister, says police have the wrong man.

"He could not hurt a fly," McAlister said in an e-mail she sent to ABC's "Good Morning America." "All I have to say is Philip is a beautiful person, inside and out."

MELISSA TRUJILLO (AP)

# FBI Adds Activist to 'Most Wanted'

**Fugitive is the first domestic suspect on agency's terrorist list**

WASHINGTON | A fugitive animal rights activist believed to be hiding outside the United States has become the first domestic terror suspect named to the FBI's list of "Most Wanted" terrorists.

Daniel Andreas San Diego, a 31-year-old computer specialist, is wanted for the 2003 bombings of two offices in California.

Authorities say San Diego has

unusual tattoos, including one that shows a burning field and pro-claims, "It only takes a spark."

FBI Assistant Director Michael Heimbach announced San Diego's addition to its "Most Wanted" terror-

ist list Tuesday.

"The leads have gone stale on us, so now we're seeking the public's awareness," said Heimbach.

San Diego is the 24th person

on the bureau's wanted terrorist list and the only domestic terror suspect.

The FBI says animal rights and environmental extremists have been responsible for more than 1,800 criminal acts and more than \$110 million in damages. Currently, the bureau is investigating 170 animal rights or environmental extremism incidents.

The FBI's "Most Wanted" terrorist list is distinct from the much longer-running "Ten Most Wanted" list. Al-Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden is on both. (AP)

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**THE AMOUNT**, in millions of dollars, that will be donated to charities from the fortune of the late Leona Helmsley, her estate trustees say. Only \$1 million of Helmsley's estate will be used to care for her dog, Trouble. Helmsley's fortune was estimated at \$5 billion to \$8 billion after her death. (AP)

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## Nation



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Abdiwali Abdiqadir Muse, center, is taken to FBI headquarters in New York.

## Somalian Is Charged With Piracy

Survivor of Maersk Alabama attack will be tried as an adult

NEW YORK | The sole survivor of a pirate attack on an American cargo ship off the Somali coast was charged as an adult Tuesday after a prosecutor said he gave wildly varying ages for himself but finally admitted he was 18.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Andrew J. Peck said Abdiwali Abdiqadir Muse could be treated as an adult in U.S. courts after a closed hearing during which he said Muse's father gave conflicting testimony about the ages of his children.

Muse was charged with several counts, including piracy under the law of nations. That charge carries a mandatory penalty of life in prison.

Muse sobbed early in the hearing when his attorneys mentioned they had contacted his family in Somalia. The judge closed the hearing for testimony about Muse's age and to decide whether he was a juvenile.

Muse arrived in New York on Monday evening. He is the sole surviving Somali pirate from the hostage-taking of American ship captain Richard Phillips from the Maersk Alabama. (AP)

## In Brief



SIMON MAINA/AFPI/GETTY IMAGES

A Kenyan woman on Tuesday reacts at the spot where her husband was killed.

## GATHAITHI, KENYA

**29 Killed in Clash Between Villagers, Outlawed Gang**

Villagers in central Kenya clashed with an outlawed criminal gang using machetes, axes and clubs, killing at least 29 people and leaving streets stained with blood, police said Tuesday. Residents near the town of Karatina fought Mungiki members overnight because the gang had been extorting money from them, deputy police spokesman Charles Owino said. (AP)

## LIMA, PERU

**Chavez Rival Requests Political Asylum in Peru**

A Venezuelan opposition leader who says he is a victim of political persecution by President Hugo Chavez's government has requested political asylum in Peru, one of his lawyers said Tuesday. Manuel Rosales has been charged with corruption in Venezuela but says his trial there would not be fair. (AP)

**Sri Lanka Situation 'Catastrophic'**

**52,000 flee war-torn land as rebels allege 1,000 killed in raid**

**COLOMBO, SRI LANKA** | Tens of thousands of civilians trapped in Sri Lanka's northern war zone face a "catastrophic" situation, the Red Cross said Tuesday, amid fears a final assault against the Tamil Tiger rebels would lead to a dramatic rise in casualties.

The U.N. and others have called for a negotiated truce to allow civilians to leave the rebel-held coastal strip — and the government says more than 52,000 had escaped since Monday.

But it has refused to heed those international pleas to halt the fighting, saying it is on the verge of crushing the separatists and putting an end to the war.

The rebels said more than 1,000 civilians died Monday in a government raid, while the government said it rescued thousands after they broke through a barrier built by the insurgents that protects their last stronghold.

Human rights groups say the



SRI LANKAN ARMY/HO/AP

Civilians who fled rebel-held territory arrive at a government-controlled area in Putumattalan, Sri Lanka, Monday. Thousands were still trapped in the war zone.

**At least 4,500**

civilians have been killed in Sri Lanka in the past three months, the United Nations estimated.

**50,000**

civilians are trapped in the war zone, the Red Cross said. Human Rights Watch said up to 100,000 are stranded.

Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam are holding many people in the enclave against their will and using them as human shields. Those groups have also accused the government of indiscriminate shelling in the region. Both sides deny the allegations.

Thousands of civilians also fled in packed small boats, and they were picked up by navy patrols

**→ 25-Year Power Struggle:**

The Tamil Tiger rebels have fought the Sri Lankan government since 1983 for an independent state for Sri Lanka's ethnic minority Tamils. More than 70,000 people have been killed in more than 25 years of violence, which has intensified in recent years. (AP)

and transported to camps where Tamils who have escaped the war are being held.

"The situation is nothing short of catastrophic. Ongoing fighting has killed or wounded hundreds of civilians who have only minimal access to medical care," said Red Cross operations director Pierre Kraehenbuehl. "I cannot remember ... as much concentrated pain and exposure to violence with very, very minimal possibilities to reach anywhere that could be called safe." KRISHAN FRANCIS (AP)



**ARCHAEOLOGY Holy Excavation!** Archaeologists exploring an old military road in the Sinai have unearthed four new temples amid the 3,000-year-old remains of an ancient fortified city that could have been used to impress foreign delegations visiting Egypt, antiquities authorities announced Tuesday. Among the discoveries was the largest mud brick temple found in the Sinai, with an area of 77 yards by 87 yards and fortified with mud walls 10 feet thick, said Zahi Hawass, chief of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities. (AP)

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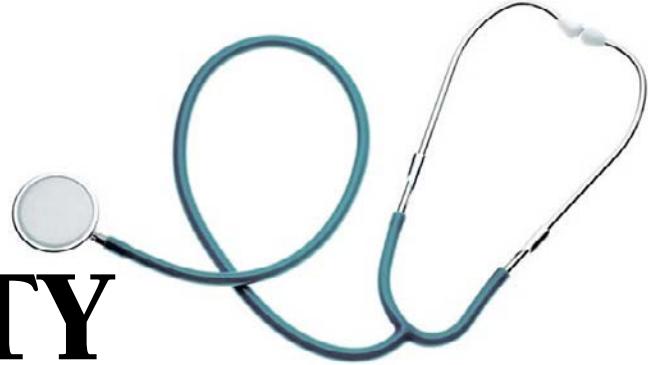
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# Space Finding Hits Close to Home

European researchers find Earth-like planet beyond solar system

HATFIELD, ENGLAND | In the search for Earth-like planets, astronomers zeroed in Tuesday on two places that look awfully familiar to home. One is close to the right size. The other is in the right place.

European researchers said they not only found the smallest exoplanet ever, called Gliese 581 e, but also realized that a neighboring planet discovered earlier, Gliese 581 d, was in the prime habitable zone for potential life.

"The Holy Grail of current exo-



An artist's drawing shows the newly discovered exoplanet Gliese 581 e, center.

planet research is the detection of a rocky, Earth-like planet in the 'habitable zone,'" said Michel Mayor, an astrophysicist at Geneva University in Switzerland.

An American expert called the discovery of the tiny planet

## Nearly 350

planets have been found outside our solar system, but so far nearly every one of them was found to be extremely unlikely to harbor life.

"extraordinary."

Gliese 581 e is only 1.9 times the size of Earth — while previous planets found outside our solar system are closer to the size of massive Jupiter, which NASA says could swallow more than 1,000 Earths.

Gliese 581 e sits close to the nearest star, making it too hot to support life. Still, Mayor said its discovery in a solar system

20½ light-years away from Earth is a "good example that we are progressing in the detection of Earth-like planets."

Scientists also found that the orbit of planet Gliese 581 d, which was found in 2007, was located within the "habitable zone" — a region around a sun-like star that would allow water to be liquid on the planet's surface, Mayor said Tuesday at the University of Hertfordshire during the European Week of Astronomy and Space Science.

It was possible Gliese 581 d had a "large and deep" ocean, team member Stephane Udry said. "It is the first serious 'water world' candidate," Udry said. JENNIFER QUINN (AP)

## Somali Pirates Release Filipinos Held 5 Months

MANILA, PHILIPPINES | A torturous wait by the families of 23 captive Filipinos ended Tuesday as Somali pirates freed a chemical tanker after holding the crew for more than five months in the Gulf of Aden.

Catherine Borretta broke into tears after receiving a mobile phone message that her husband, Rodell — a second mate on the Philippine ship MT Stolt Strength — was released with the others. "I'm so overjoyed," Borretta said.

It was unclear whether a ransom was paid for the release of the tanker and crew. (AP)



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# World

## Iranian Modified Speech

**U.N.: Ahmadinejad skipped Holocaust denial in comments**

GENEVA | A day after Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad caused an uproar with a speech attacking Israel at a U.N. conference on racism, the U.N. said Tuesday that Ahmadinejad had actually dropped language from the speech that described the Holocaust as "ambiguous and dubious."

The U.N. and the Iranian Mission in Geneva did not comment on why the change was made. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, however, said he had met with the



FABRICE COFFRINI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Iranian delegates clap as a U.N. conference on racism adopts a resolution.

Iranian president before his speech Monday and reminded him the U.N. had adopted resolutions "to revoke the equation of Zionism with racism and to reaffirm the historical facts of the Holocaust."

Still, Ahmadinejad's accusa-

tion that the West used the Holocaust as a "pretext" for aggression against Palestinians still provoked walkouts by delegates including every European Union country in attendance. But others, including those from the Vatican, stayed because they said he stopped short of denying the Holocaust.

The United States and eight other Western countries had already boycotted the event because of concerns Muslim countries would denounce Israel and restrict criticism of Islam.

More than 100 other countries on Tuesday approved a 16-page declaration urging the world to combat intolerance. ALEXANDER G. HIGGINS (AP)



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# Local

## Md. Killing Motive Sought

Man who shot family was \$450K in debt, battled depression

FREDERICK, MD. | A Maryland man who shot his wife and three children to death and then killed himself struggled with depression, had \$450,000 in debt and nearly decapitated his kids after they had died, Frederick County Sheriff Charles Jenkins said Tuesday.

In six notes left behind, Christopher Wood, 34, discussed his family's severe financial problems and remorse for what he had done. Then, he committed suicide. A relative found the family Saturday



ROB CARRAP

Officials say the man detailed financial problems and remorse in notes he left.

day in their Middletown home in northwest Maryland.

It was the first of two murder-suicides in Maryland in the last

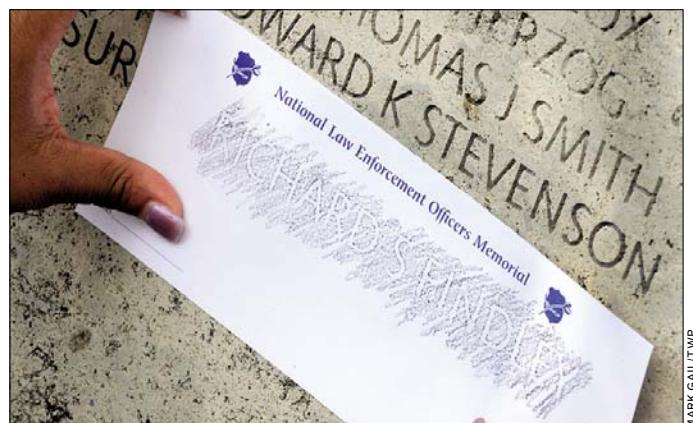
four days, and among a growing number nationwide in which a shooter killed family members in the wake of economic hardship.

Wood had a good job, making \$97,000 a year as an account manager in the sales and marketing group at CSX Corp. in Baltimore. But the family couldn't sell their previous home in Florida, and they had credit card problems.

Wood shot his children — Chandler, 5, Gavin, 4, and Fiona, 2 — and his wife as they slept. He almost cut off his children's heads using a kitchen knife and pruning saw, the sheriff said.

"I can't make sense of any of this," Jenkins said. (AP)

### WASHINGTON | FALLEN OFFICER HONORED



MARK GALT/TWP

**NOT FORGOTTEN:** A friend of Richard S. Findley's makes a rubbing to remember the Prince George's police sergeant who was killed in the line of duty in June, after his name was etched on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Tuesday.

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Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	<b>9-9-1-4</b>
Match 5 (Mon.)	<b>9-11-17-24-26 (35)</b>

### VIRGINIA

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Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	<b>1-4-8</b>
Mid-day Pick 4	<b>6-4-5-3</b>
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	<b>9-5-4-5</b>
Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.)	<b>6-9-14-25-27</b>
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	<b>9-19-26-27-31</b>

## Police: D.C. Mentor Kissed Girl

50-year-old charged with sexual abuse of 15-year-old at school

A mentor for a nonprofit anti-violence group that works with youths in the District has been charged with second-degree sexual abuse after he allegedly kissed and fondled a student at a Northeast Washington high school.

Barry Harrison, 50, is a convicted killer who worked for Peacockholics in a program at Springfield High School, authorities said.

In charging papers, police said that he kissed and fondled a 15-year-old girl April 14 in the basement of the school, on Benning Road NE.

The charging papers also stated that Harrison recently told another 15-year-old student that he was going to "kidnap" her and "have fun like sex" with her. KEITH L. ALEXANDER AND NIKITA STEWART (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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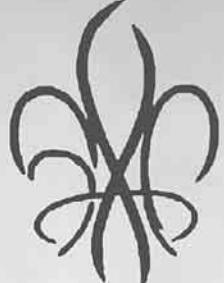
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# Local

# Elmo Launches Planetarium Show

Muppet will educate kids about astronomy at the Smithsonian

WASHINGTON | Elmo is reporting for duty at the National Air and Space Museum, ready for a trip into outer space.

The beloved "Sesame Street" character donned a space suit Tuesday to introduce a planetarium show.



Elmo stands in front of a model of the Hubble telescope Tuesday to announce a new planetarium show for children ages 4 to 6 at the National Air and Space Museum.

It's the museum's first astronomy show designed for children 4 to 6.

Elmo popped up before a huge replica of the Hubble Space Telescope as young fans looked on.

He told the youngsters "Elmo the Elmonaut" is like an astronaut, "only scarier."

The planetarium show — "One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure" — opened last year in Beijing. BRETT ZONGKER (AP)

## Police: Va. Meter Worker Stole \$170K In Coins

An Alexandria meter repairman has been charged with stealing \$170,000 in coins by skimming them from broken parking meters.

William J. Fell, 61, has been charged with two counts of embezzlement by a public officer Tuesday. "He'd take a little bit each time," police spokesman Jody Donaldson said. ALLISON KLEIN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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# Geithner: Banks Still in Distress

Treasury chief says 'evidence is mixed' on success of bailouts

WASHINGTON | America's banks are still broken despite all their bailout billions, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner told impatient rescue overseers Tuesday as they pressed him on when things will get better and how much it will

cost. A bleak new report estimated U.S. banks and other financial institutions could lose a stunning \$2.7 trillion in all.

How well is the mostly spent \$700 billion federal bailout working? "To date, frankly, the evidence is mixed," Geithner told a congressionally appointed oversight panel.

Confidence in the program is wearing thin on Capitol Hill. With



Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner testifies on Capitol Hill on Tuesday.

lawmakers back from their spring break, even bailout supporters are skeptical that Congress would approve additional bank rescue money if requested.

Geithner's testimony signaled that the administration was not preparing to ask.

Wall Street was cheered by Geithner's assessment that "the vast majority" of banks could be considered well-capitalized. Bank stocks

slid on Monday but bounced back on Tuesday.

Still, the government's effort to stabilize the financial sector and unclog credit markets has come under heavy scrutiny. Officials must do a better job in carrying out and explaining its efforts to shore up the financial system, the head of the oversight panel told Geithner.

"The sense of fear and uncertainty has not gone away, but it's been joined by a new sense of anger and frustration," said Elizabeth Warren. (AP)



The New York Times says its first-quarter losses worsened amid a drop in ad sales.

## N.Y. Times Sees Steep Decline in Ad Revenue

Company's 1Q losses were far worse than analysts had expected

NEW YORK | The New York Times Co. fell into a deeper financial hole during the first quarter as the newspaper publisher's advertising revenue plunged 27 percent in an industrywide slump that is reshaping the print media.

The owner of the New York Times, the Boston Globe and 15 other daily newspapers lost \$74.5 million, or 52 cents per share, in the opening three months 2009. That compared with a loss of \$335,000 at the same time last year.

### \$124M

The decrease in ad revenue at the New York Times in the first quarter of 2009 as compared to the same period last year.

The results in the most recent quarter included charges totaling 18 cents per share to cover the costs of jettisoning employees and other one-time accounting measures.

Even with those charges stripped out, the loss was much worse than analysts expected. Analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters had predicted the New York-based company would lose 4 cents per share. (AP)

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# Sports

## In Brief



WINSLOW TOWNSON/AP

Scottie Reynolds led Villanova to the school's first Final Four berth since '85.

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#### Villanova's Reynolds Declares for NBA Draft

Villanova guard Scottie Reynolds declared for the NBA draft on Tuesday, but will not hire an agent and could return to the Wildcats for his senior season. Reynolds has scored 1,620 points in three seasons at Villanova and led the Wildcats' run this year to their first Final Four since 1985. Reynolds could withdraw from the draft by June 15. He is completing his classes so he can remain academically eligible. (AP)

### NASCAR

#### Coca-Cola 600 to Debut New Hybrid Pace Car

A hybrid vehicle will be the official pace car for the first time in NASCAR during next month's Coca-Cola 600. The Camry lent by Toyota had to pass a NASCAR performance test. The hybrid must reach speeds close to 100 mph by the time it reaches the second turn of Lowe's Motor Speedway from a standby position near the exit of pit road. (AP)

### NBA PLAYOFFS

#### Powe Out for Rest of Year With Torn Knee Ligament

Boston Celtics forward Leon Powe is out for the rest of the season with a torn knee ligament. The Celtics are already without Kevin Garnett as they try to defend their unprecedented 17th NBA title. Powe hurt himself on a spin move Monday against the Bulls but stayed on the court three more minutes trying to play. (AP)

# Searching for a True Signal-Caller

Stafford's pedigree undoubted; Redskins interested in Sanchez

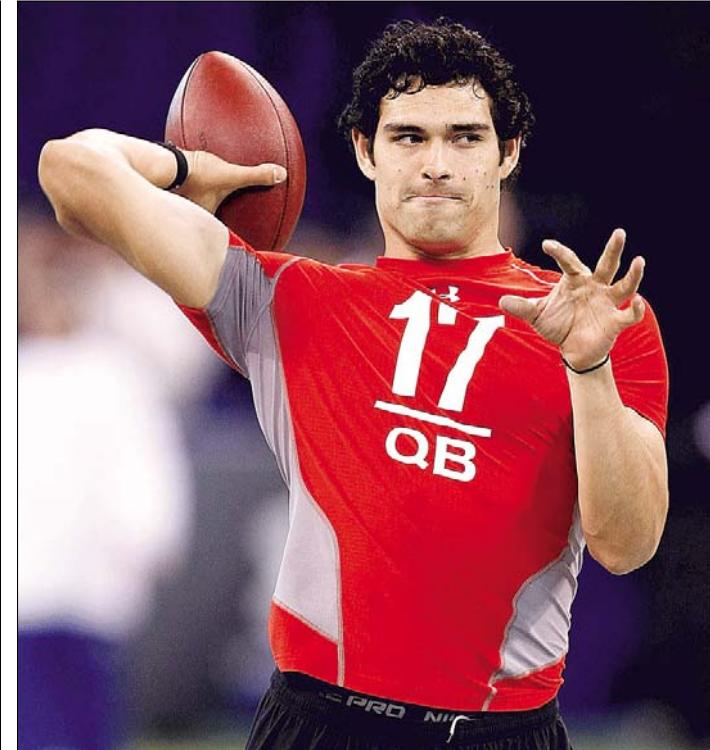
It's always about the quarterbacks. When there aren't a few in the mix to be among the first players selected in an NFL draft, the question is why not. When there are, as with this draft that begins Saturday, the major intrigue surrounds when they'll be taken and by which teams.

**“I think this is my 16th year in the NFL, and it's my first exposure to it, and, hopefully, my last.”**

—JIM SCHWARTZ, LIONS COACH, ON HAVING THE TOP DRAFT PICK

It's just the nature of the sport: If you don't have a franchise quarterback, you have to get one.

The positions of the players most likely to be selected in the early stages of this draft are far more about wide receivers, tackles and hybrid players who could end up as either defensive ends or outside linebackers. The biggest story lines, however, are whether the Detroit Lions will select Georgia quarterback Matthew Stafford



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USC's Mark Sanchez is listed as the second-best quarterback in the draft behind Georgia's Matthew Stafford. The Redskins are said to be interested in Sanchez.

with the top overall choice and which team will take Southern Cal's Mark Sanchez.

The Lions are coming off the first 0-16 season in league history, and their brain trust of team president Tom Lewand, new general manager Martin Mayhew and rookie head coach Jim Schwartz is fully aware it can't afford to get

this pick wrong.

“I think this is my 16th year in the NFL, and it's my first exposure to it, and, hopefully, my last,” Schwartz said at the combine of having the top pick.

Most NFL talent evaluators seem to agree Stafford has the arm strength and quick mind necessary to be a Pro Bowl-caliber quarter-

### OTHER TOP QB PROSPECTS



**Matthew Stafford, Georgia:**

Stafford is the Detroit Lions' likely top pick.



**Josh Freeman, Kansas State:**

Freeman is predicted to go third among QBs.

back. The general consensus across the league seems to be the Lions probably will select Stafford.

If they do, the focus immediately moves to which team will choose Sanchez. The Washington Redskins, at 13th, are said to be enamored with Sanchez.

Sanchez whose draft stock has been soaring in recent weeks, and some teams might be willing to trade way up in the first round to get him. The competition between Stafford and Sanchez has been friendly, with the two having gotten along well since meeting at an offseason quarterback camp.

“It was fun to watch each other on TV [last season] and root each other on,” Sanchez said. “Everybody tries to make it so serious — who's going to be No. 1 — and it's going to be fun either way.”

MARK MASKE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

# Rangers Try to Figure Out Revitalized Capitals

Head coach Tortorella wants to avoid losing home ice advantage

CAPITALS | John Tortorella returned from the nation's capital with two big playoff wins in his pocket and a stern message for his upstart New York Rangers.

Just because the seventh-seeded Rangers had the upper hand on the Southeast Division-champion Washington Capitals, in no way were they playing perfect hockey.

Tortorella warned that if they didn't control the puck a lot more on home ice, this Eastern Conference playoff series could change quickly.

Alex Ovechkin and his Capitals linemates turned Tortorella into a prophet.

Instead of working on a sweep Wednesday night in Game 4, the Rangers will need to be at their best to avoid going back to D.C. tied 2-2 and handing home-ice advantage back to the favored Capitals.

The Rangers' biggest wor-



BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

ries now are shutting down the awakening Capitals, solving a goalie they know little about, and the status of banged-up captain Chris Drury, who played only 1:34 in the third period as he fights what is believed to be a hand or wrist injury.

Tortorella acknowledged he's concerned about Drury's condition after he sat out the series opener. “I am healthy enough to be in the lineup, so I have to try to help the team.” IRA PODELL (AP)



TONI SANDS/TWP

Nationals CF Elijah Dukes, left, shakes hands with players from the Great Falls Little League April 18. Dukes was fined for being late to work after the event.

## Little League to Pay Dukes' Tardiness Fine

Player owes Nationals \$500 for being late to work after kids' event

**NATIONALS** | He stayed for the speeches. He stayed for the parade of Little Leaguers — all 54 teams' worth. He stayed for the cheerleaders and the introduction of the high school team and the national anthem.

Finally, Elijah Dukes took the microphone, said a few words to the kids and parents about "working hard" and "having fun." Exactly the type of stuff a big-time professional athlete would say on opening day of the local Little League.

And then, "Boom," said Jim Mraz, president of the Great Falls Little League, "he sprints to his car and he was gone."

It wasn't until later on Saturday that Mraz and others from the league realized what had happened to their keynote speaker after he left: Dukes had arrived five minutes late to Nationals Park, earning himself a \$500 fine from his employers, the Washington Nationals, for whom he plays center field.

"The next day we're reading the paper, and we're hearing he was [fined and] benched," said Leslie

McClain, the mother of 11-year-old Luke. "We were just really horrified by that, so our first thought was we want to raise the money in the community to pay that fine. We just think it's appalling."

And so began the story of what is surely the most unusual fundraiser in the history of the Great Falls Little League.

**“The point is ... he was here for us. Now we've got to be there for him.”**

**JIM MRAZ, PRESIDENT OF THE GREAT FALLS LITTLE LEAGUE**

It started with a flurry of e-mails between incredulous parents and league organizers, and will end later this week when Mraz delivers exactly \$501 — the extra \$1 covering any "administrative expenses," he said — to the Nationals for the purpose of paying off Dukes's fine.

"The point is, this guy gave back to our community, and now he's in a hard spot," said Mraz. "We're just trying to send a message to our kids: He was here for us. Now we've got to be there for him."

**DAVE SHEININ AND DAN STEINBERG**  
(THE WASHINGTON POST)

# United Opens Cup Defense

Team begins 64-team U.S. Open Cup play against FC Dallas

**UNITED** | The high point of D.C. United's 2008 season was a mid-week victory against a minor league team from Charleston, S.C. Although not much to brag about on its own, the early September win secured United's second U.S. Open Cup title, a berth in this year's CONCACAF Champions League and a parting gift in what was an otherwise frustrating season.

D.C.'s defense of that crown begins Wednesday at RFK Stadium against FC Dallas, in what



JONATHAN NEWTON/TWP

D.C. United beat the Charleston Battery for the U.S. 2008 Open Cup title.

amounts to a round-of-64 game in the single-elimination tournament open to every professional and affiliated amateur club in the country. Charleston's run to last

year's final, and its upset of two MLS teams on the way, is central to the appeal of the 95-year-old competition.

Six MLS sides were given byes to the round of 16, thanks to their 2008 regular-season records, leaving D.C. and seven others to play two extra matches. United (1-1-3 in MLS) will have to balance health issues with its interest in defending its title, and likely will field a mixture of veteran and younger players.

Ben Olsen and Jaime Moreno likely will sit, and playmaker Christian Gomez will miss the game with a injured hamstring.

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# Sports

# Howard Named Defender of Year

Magic center becomes youngest ever to win NBA defensive award

NBA | Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard is the NBA's defensive player of the year.

Howard received 542 points, including 105 first-place votes from a panel of 119 writers and broadcasters. Cleveland's LeBron James was second with 148 points, and Miami's Dwyane Wade finished third with 90 points.

The announcement was made Tuesday.

Howard, 23, is the youngest player to win the award.



Orlando's Dwight Howard, right, blocks the Nets' Ryan Anderson April 11. Howard, 23, became the youngest player ever to win the NBA defensive player of the year award. (AP)

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**CAPITALS (7 P.M. ON CSN)** After a stellar performance by Simeon Varlamov in the net Monday, the Caps look to even up the Eastern Conference quarterfinals against the Rangers at MSG.

**NATIONALS (7 P.M. ON MASN2)** The Nats finish a three-game set against the Braves before a six-game road trip.

**ORIOLES (7 P.M. ON MASN)** The O's take on the Chicago White Sox in the second game of a nine-game homestand.

**NBA PLAYOFFS (7 AND 10:30 ON TNT)** Dwyane Wade and the Miami Heat look to bounce back from a subpar Game 1 performance against the Hawks in the NBA playoffs' first round. In the Western Conference, Denver native Chauncey Billups hopes to keep the Nuggets on a roll in Game 2 against Chris Paul and the New Orleans Hornets.

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The number of blocks Howard averaged this year. With 13.8 RPG, he is the fifth player to lead the league in blocks and rebounds in one season.

Howard is only the fifth player to lead the league in blocks and rebounds in the same season.

He led the Magic to 59 wins in the regular season, one shy of tying the best record in franchise history set in the 1995-96 season. Orlando trails Philadelphia 1-0 in the first round of the playoffs.

Howard averaged 13.8 rebounds and 2.9 blocks per game this season. (AP)



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## All the World's a Stage

**A grand-scale film emphasizing our planet's majesty hits theaters on Earth Day**

**MOVIE** | How do you make a movie when the whole planet is your set?

That's the challenge Alastair Fothergill and Mark Linfield faced in making "Earth," the first film from the new DisneyNature label, set to hit theaters on Earth Day, April 22.

The filmmakers, also responsible for the Discovery Channel series "Planet Earth," spent five years collecting footage. They worked with dozens of camera crews, filming at 200 locations in 64 countries to tell a sweeping story about the planet's landscapes, seasons and species.

"I've worked on some pretty massive projects in my time, but they're completely dwarfed by the scale of 'Earth,'" Fothergill said.

Narrated by actor James Earl Jones, the film follows three animal families as they lead their young through the first year of life: A male polar bear searches for food beneath melting Arctic ice as his two tiny cubs and their mother emerge from their snow den to greet the first rays of spring sunlight; a mother elephant in Africa's sun-scorched Kalahari Desert guides her calf through a blinding sandstorm in a quest for water after months of drought; a humpback whale and



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**ANIMAL PLANET:** In "Earth," one of the three clans the film crew trailed was a family of polar bears dealing with melting ice.

her new calf begin a 4,000-mile journey from the warm waters of the tropics to the food-rich seas of Antarctica.

Besides being "emotionally engaging," Fothergill said, focusing on animal families "has a sort of ecological resonance of us as human beings preserving our planet for our children."

The filmmakers relied on advances in camera and film technology to capture the natural behavior of their main characters.

**“I’ve worked on some pretty massive projects in my time, but they’re completely dwarfed by ‘Earth.’”**

"Now we can actually film detailed behavior from the air from a kilometer away," he said. "You can actually film behavior and film animals in the context of their environment from places you could never even get to in the

past, and the animals are largely oblivious to the fact that you're there."

Natural history films have a renewed appeal in the era of digital manipulation, Linfield also said.

"There's so much artifice in normal supposed live-action Hollywood movies at the moment," he said. "Just to see something which you know is true from beginning to end, without a single frame of manipulation, is much more powerful." **ANDY COHEN (AP)**



**Drew Carey gets excited about Earth.**

## The Green 'Price Is Right'

**A CBS game show and soaps shift focus to the environment**

**ENVIRONMENT** | Green prizes are coming on down at "The Price Is Right."

In observance of Earth Day, Wednesday's episode of the CBS game show will feature environmentally friendly products including cell phones made of recycled materials, solar charging equipment and a recycling cabinet.

Environmentalist and actor Ed Begley Jr. will introduce a showcase that includes an electric bike, golf cart and Toyota Prius hybrid car. Trips offered during the show will be paired with donations to offset carbon emissions.

CBS soap operas "As the World Turns," "The Young and the Restless" and "Guiding Light" will recognize Earth Day within their sudsy plots, and Lesley-Anne Down of "The Bold and the Beautiful" will appear in a public service announcement.

**DERRIK J. LANG (AP)**



**CELEBRITY** **Off the Ice, Into the Fire** The Food Network has a few inventive series in the works, not the least of which will star Olympic figure skater and gold medal-winner Brian Boitano. Apparently, a mean butterfly jump isn't the only skill he has — Boitano is a serious cook and entertainer. In each episode of his show, he'll create food for a different social event. And what, you ask, is the working title of the series? In an homage to *South Park*, you guessed it: "What Would Brian Boitano Cook?" (EXPRESS)





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EARTH (G) 10:00, 1:20, 4:00, 6:45, 9:15

17 AGAIN (PG13) ✓ 1:55, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15, 7:05, 7:30, 9:40, 10:25

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STATE OF PLAY (PG13) ✓ 3:00, 6:30, 9:35

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DRAGONBALL: EVOLUTION (PG) 2:55, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45

HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) 2:05, 3:05, 4:35, 5:35, 7:10, 8:10, 9:45

OBSERVE AND REPORT (R) 1:05, 2:35, 3:25, 5:00, 5:45, 7:20, 8:05, 9:40, 10:25

ROYAL KILL (PG13) 2:20, 5:15, 7:55, 10:30

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THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT (PG13) 2:50, 5:25, 8:00

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STATE OF PLAY (PG13) ✓ 1:05, 2:15, 4:00, 5:15, 7:00, 8:15, 10:05

DRAGONBALL: EVOLUTION (PG) 1:05, 3:25, 5:40

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THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT (PG13) 7:55, 10:30

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## lookout entertainment

# New Band, Old Musical Soul

**Chester French pairs  
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an authentic sound**

**MUSIC** | Listening to Chester French's album "Love the Future" is like walking through a hipster boutique — graphic T-shirts with

ironic sayings to the right, obscure vinyl records to the left and general nerdiness all around. The only difference is that D.A. Wallach and Max Drumme's musical goods have more authenticity.

"Love Future" is sonically retro — the lead single, "She Loves Everybody," is vintage pop with



INTERSCOPE RECORDS

There's depth behind these young eyes.

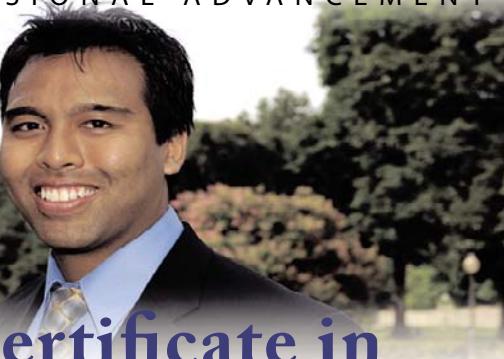
a touch of soul, and "Beneath the Veil" could easily pass for a Johnny Cash cover.

The lyrics, however, are a bit more contemporary. It seems that part of what makes Chester French appealing is imagining lead singer D.A. Wallach, in his bow tie and khaki pants, crooning sincerely that "it ain't groupie love ... you're my Bebe Buell, my Puerto Rican Pamela Lee" on the roaring track "Bebe Buell." MELANIE SIMS (AP)

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# A Pirate's Life for Him

## Blackbeard is master of a sunken ship on 'Secrets of the Dead'

YO HO | Pirates are back in the news, and a timely "Secrets of the Dead" (8 p.m., PBS) recalls one of the biggest and baddest pirate stories of them all on "Blackbeard's Lost Ship."

While watching last week's pirate drama, I recalled my fifth-grade history class and tales of Barbary pirates and Marines storming "the shores of Tripoli." But as tonight's "Secrets" reminds us, pirates were a problem well before the United States even existed.



LUCY PARKER/QUICKFIRE MEDIA

Blackbeard's story feels appropriate — pirates seem to be trendy this spring.

A villain stranger than fiction, Blackbeard (1680?-1718) attacked

and plundered merchant ships off the East Coast. At his notorious height, his pirate fleet managed to blockade the port of Charleston, S.C., looting ships and taking prominent citizens hostage.

But not long after, his boat sank off North Carolina's Outer Banks. In the late 1990s, marine archaeologists discovered the watery remains of his pirate flagship, Queen Ann's Revenge. Treating the ruins like a crime scene, they will determine whether Blackbeard's ship ran aground in foul weather or whether he had the vessel intentionally sunk in a final act of treachery against his own crew. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

## tonight's lineup

### THE DREADED EX

Jennifer Beals guest-stars on **LIE TO ME** (8 p.m., Fox).

### PEACE OUT, SQUARED

Two face elimination on **AMERICAN IDOL** (9 p.m., Fox).

### ONE MAN'S TRASH ...

**GARBAGE MOGULS** (9 p.m., National Geographic) looks at entrepreneurs and innovators who see gold in landfills. Major retailers have embraced their efforts to turn trash into cash.

### WE'RE LOST

**LOST** (9 p.m., ABC) could benefit from a little retrospection and illumination.

### HOW THE LOWLY RISE

Are infomercials now respected?

**PITCHMEN** (10 p.m., Discovery), the docudrama about the genre, returns for a second week. And Darren Rovell



ISABELLA VOSMIKOVA/FOX

Jennifer Beals guest-stars as Lightman's ex-wife on "Lie to Me" tonight.

hosts **AS SEEN ON TV** (9 p.m., CNBC), a look at the \$150 billion industry that has brought us the Snuggie, ShamWow and the Ginsu Knife.

### NOT SO SLICK

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### RESTAURANT AT PATOWMACK FARM

Country cooking goes chic at this certified-organic restaurant where ingredients are grown sustainably on-site or nearby. Hugging a Potomac riverbank in Loudoun County, a dining conservatory overlooks the Civil War-era Point of Rocks Bridge and sets a scene for special occasions. Think nattily dressed



SOUTHEAST EXPEDITIONS

**DIP ADVISER:** SouthEast Expedition's eco-conscious kayak trips paddle along Virginia's Eastern Shore in search of wildlife.

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bales grown on-site. At the room's glossy bar — cobbled together from crushed grape vines — sample Black Ankle's sustainable vintages, from tart white Albariño to the rich red Crumbling Rock. Once you've picked your fave, relax on the deck with a generous pour and a plate

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# Pour a Little Sugar Out

## Dessert wine can sub for (or go with) post-dinner sweets

When a waiter hands you a dessert menu, it's relatively easy to choose between pecan pie and creme brulee. But the wines listed with the sweets aren't as easy to figure out. Does port really go with chocolate? What's a vin santo anyhow? And if you serve them chez you, what should you open?

Dessert wines often get a bad rap because people associate words such as "Madeira" and "sherry" with stuffy old ladies or Boone's Farm hangovers. But sweet wines don't have to equal bad wines. If dessert vinos — sometimes called stickies — are well made, sugar isn't the only thing you notice.

"There's no such thing as a wine being too sweet," says Jon Genderson of Schneider's wine shop (300 Massachusetts Ave. NE; 202-543-9300). "You need to have the correct amount of acidity to balance the sweetness." He points to Chateau d'Yquem, one of France's most famed varieties. "The wine has 30 percent residual sugar, but it has so much acidity that it doesn't come off as cloying."

The residual sugar — the leftover grape sugar that hasn't turned into alcohol during fermentation — gives these wines their almost-syrupy flavor, and the alcohol gives them structure. With ports and sherries, also known as fortified wines, neutral grape brandy is added to balance the sweetness. Other wines are made from late-harvest grapes, aka fruit left on the vine late into the growing season, which results in extra-concentrated sugars.

Techniques for making post-prandial bottles vary. For Italian Amarone, grapes are pulled from the vines and allowed to shrivel in the sun, producing a rich, raisin-y liquid that tastes swell with



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Wines such as port and muscat, shown at Eventide with cornmeal cake with huckleberries, can be paired with sweets or sipped solo.

cheese. Other wines are produced by fungus, as in Botrytis cinerea, a grayish mold responsible for the honeyed wines from the damp Sauternes region of Bordeaux as well as Beerenauslese and Trockenbeerenauslese from Germany. This so-called "noble rot" extracts the

water out of the grape," says Glen Fisher, wine director at Eventide, the contempo-American hot spot in Clarendon (3165 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-276-3165). "What you get is concentrated and viscous. Botrytis leaves apricot flavors." It makes for white wines

that go down easy solo or paired with a fruit tart.

While Europeans may have invented many of these sippers, New World vintners are also getting in on the pour. In Louisa, Va. (two hours southwest of Washington), Cooper Vineyards has been experimenting with ice wines. These concentrated, sweet-as-candy blends come from grapes that have frozen either on the vine or in a commercial freezer.

After finding herself with a bumper crop in 2005, Cooper owner Jacquelyn Hogge froze 4 tons of Norton and vidal blanc grapes, creating Noche (a red with notes of cherry and chocolate) and Vida (a white that smacks of peach and apricot), which both won gold

### ► sip tips



Sometimes a dessert wine is reward enough on its own. But if you'd like to both sip and crunch, here are a few suggested pairings:

- **PORT:** Dark chocolate, walnuts or stilton cheese
- **PEDRO XIMENEZ SHERRY:** Pour over vanilla ice cream
- **SAUTERNES:** Fruit tart
- **VIN SANTO:** Biscotti for dipping

medals in this year's Virginia Governor's Cup, the state's most prestigious wine awards.

Cooper Vineyards' customers also like the after-dinner drinks, especially when Hogge serves the Noche in chocolate cups like fancy shooters. "You can even pour it over cheesecake or berries," she says. The wines are sold at the vineyard (Coopervineyards.com) or locally at some Total Wine and More shops (Totalwine.com).

While dessert wines go down easy, knowing which tart or treat to

Dessert wines can be made from grapes that have frozen on the vine, dried in the sun or started to rot.

pair them with can be challenging. Some pros think the stems might need to stand alone. "I'm more of the mind-set that sweet wine is dessert," Fisher says. "They're tough pairs, unless it's something simple like a fruit tart or a flan." And some glasses of the grape, such as the Taylor Fladgate 10 Year Old Tawny Port on Eventide's list, may be rich enough to sate your sweet tooth sans any pie or pudding. Tawny ports, Fisher says, "taste just like liquid s'mores."

But what if you want to have your vino and eat your cake, too? Think about complementary tastes, says Jill Zimorski, beverage director at Cafe Atlantico (405 Eighth St. NW; 202-393-0812). Learn about the flavors — caramel, dried fruit, spice — present in dessert wines, and think about the treats that might match. She pairs the restaurant's chocolate-banana cake with maple-tinged sherry. A citrusy dessert white would work well with savory final courses, such as soft, stinky cheeses.

But be careful that a newfound passion for dessert wines doesn't turn you into a grape glutton. "All that sugar and alcohol makes them fattening," Genderson says.

JULIA BEIZER

# lookout online

## Poll Center

### WOULD 'AMERICAN IDOL' BE BETTER OR WORSE IF SIMON COWELL LEFT?

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

**93% WORSE****7% BETTER**

"American Idol" would not be as popular without him there. Look at other shows where he's not a judge, and none of them has reached the same levels of success."

**COMMENTER JOHN**, WHO ADDED, "PLUS, SOMEONE HAS TO BALANCE PAULA'S NICENESS LEVEL."

**Watching 'American Idol'** without Simon Cowell would be like watching MSNBC without the warm-fuzzy running up and down Chris Matthews' leg or [the] hatemongers Keith Olbermann and Rachel Maddow."

**COMMENTER JUST JOHN**, WHO ADDED, "IT JUST WOULDN'T BE THE SAME."

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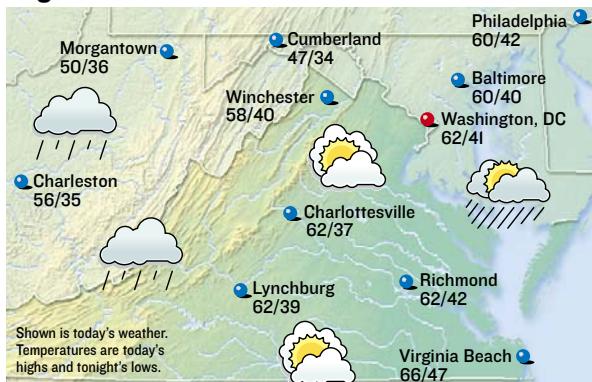
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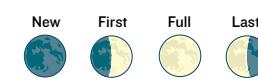
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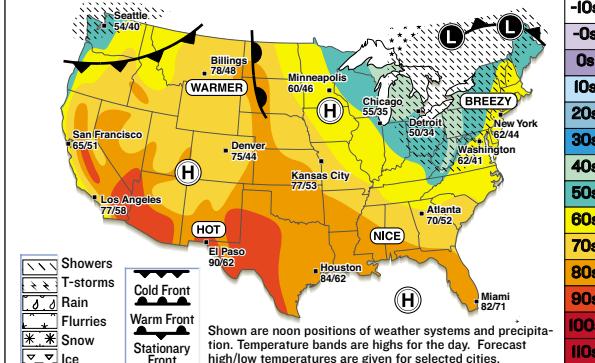
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Moonset today	5:31 p.m.



## National Weather for Wednesday, April 22



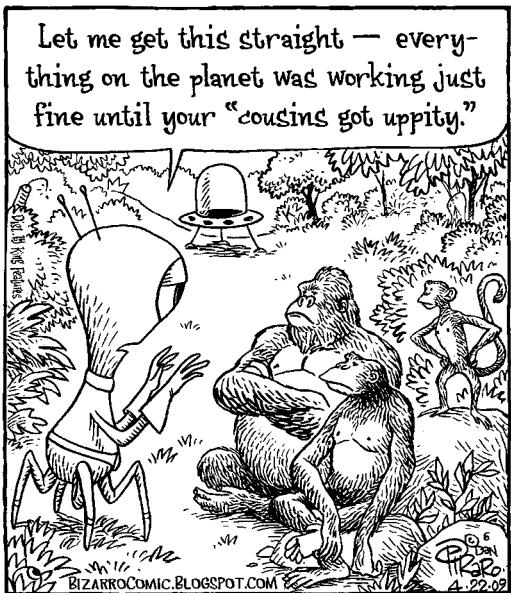
## National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo	Thur. Hi/Lo	City	Today Hi/Lo	Thur. Hi/Lo
Atlanta	70/52°	76/59°	Amsterdam	63/43°	59/45°
Boston	60/42°	63/45°	Athens	65/54°	63/52°
Chicago	55/35°	68/53°	Berlin	66/44°	63/43°
Dallas	89/64°	84/65°	Buenos Aires	75/59°	77/59°
Denver	75/44°	80/45°	Calgary	51/25°	30/20°
Honolulu	81/68°	81/68°	Dublin	59/45°	55/43°
Los Angeles	77/58°	70/53°	Geneva	68/43°	68/37°
El Paso	90/62°	84/71°	Miami	4/27°	46/28°
Houston	84/62°	84/71°	Moscow	70/49°	70/52°
Miami	82/71°	84/71°	Rome	70/49°	70/52°
New York City	62/44°	62/48°	Sydney	70/59°	72/59°
Orlando	83/58°	86/62°	Tokyo	70/57°	63/63°
Seattle	54/40°	55/38°			

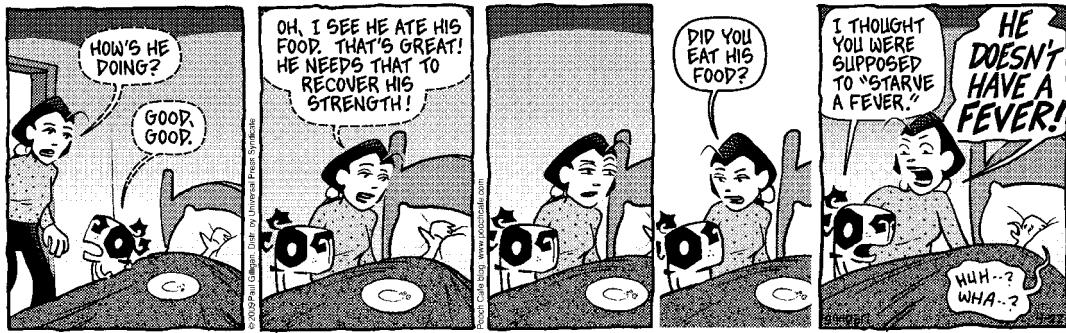
s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

# comics lookout

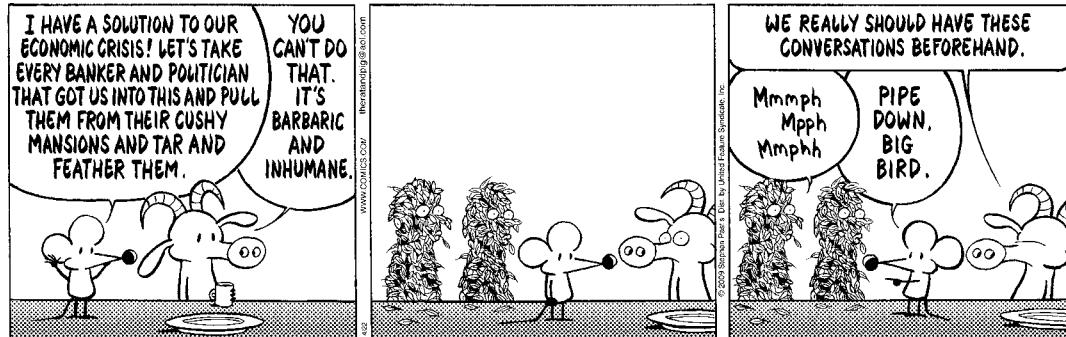
## Bizarro | Dan Piraro



## Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



## Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



## The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



enjoying a snifter of brandy by the fire...



## Cornered | Mike Baldwin



## Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** While those around you may think you've solved a long-standing mystery, you know there are still a few questions to answer. Keep at it.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You may not be able to complete all tasks; prioritize and you'll be able to get enough done to feel like you've made a dent.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** A reunion of sorts may be just around the corner, so you'll want to make a few basic preparations. Don't overdo it, but do try to be ready.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** A message comes to you from an unusual source and in an unusual way. You'll want to get more information, surely, but you'll likely have to wait.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** A surprise twist has you behaving in a manner that is, in the words of a friend, not you. One thing will lead to another.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** You may be unprepared for the flood of attention that is likely to come your way, and for no particular reason as far as

you can tell.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** You'll have reason to make a few decisions that will affect how you approach your daily endeavors. Efficiency is the key.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** You may be involved in a highly sensitive situation that, as far as you know, was in no way of your making. Be discreet.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You may find yourself far from home, for work or for another purpose that is not something you want to share just yet.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You may receive some financial news that has you making an abrupt change of course. You can save others from imminent danger.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** You may decide that what you've been doing is no longer for you in one way or another. A quick change may be difficult to orchestrate.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Before you change gears and focus on something else, you'll want to tie up a few loose ends where a short-term project is concerned.

## Today in History

**1864** Congress authorizes the use of the phrase "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins.

**1889** The Oklahoma Land Rush begins as thousands of homesteaders stake claims.

**1970** Millions of Americans concerned about the environment observe the first Earth Day.

**1954** The publicly televised sessions of the Senate Army-McCarthy hearings begin.

**1999** At Columbine High School in Colorado, investigators find a powerful bomb made from a propane tank, heightening suspicions that gunmen Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, who killed 13 people before killing themselves, intended to destroy the school.

**2000** In a dramatic pre-dawn raid, armed immigration agents seize Elian Gonzalez from



Immigration agents raid a Miami home to seize Elian Gonzalez, right, in 2000.

his relatives' home in Miami; Elian was reunited with his father at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington.

**2004** NFL player Pat Tillman, who'd traded in a multimillion-dollar contract to serve as an Army Ranger in Afghanistan, is killed by friendly fire; he was 27.

# lookout people



CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

## DECIBELS

## Baby's Volume Dial Turned Up to 11, Then Broken Off

Foo Fighters frontman **DAVE GROHL** and his wife, **JORDYN**, have welcomed their second daughter. The rocker, 40, says Harper Willow Grohl was born April 17. She is 7 pounds, 8 ounces and — Grohl says — "loud as hell." (AP)

## MESSAGE

## Every Booming Capitalist Economy Could Use a Little More Censorship

**JACKIE CHAN**'s comments that freedom may not be good for China were taken out of context, his spokesman said Tuesday. Solon So said the actor was referring to freedom in the entertainment industry. "Some people with ulterior motives deliberately misinterpreted what he was saying," So said. (AP)



EVAN AGOSTINI/AP

SHE'S EVERYWHERE!!!

## Where in the World Isn't Ann?

NBC "Today" show anchor **ANN CURRY** is heading to two war zones — in Iraq and Afghanistan — this week. Colleague Matt Lauer gets the rep, but Curry has been a real globe-trotter. Since the start of 2008, she's tried to climb Mount Kilimanjaro and has been to Congo, Serbia, Pakistan, Japan, China and France. She's been to Darfur four times since 2006. (AP)

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### ENDLESS It's the Madonna Adoption/ Horse Injury News Corner!

A police report on **MADONNA**'s fall from a horse in the Hamptons is silent on whether paparazzi scared the animal. The Southampton Town police report says only that the pop superstar "was a victim of a fall from a horse" Saturday and was taken to Southamp-



ton Hospital with "unknown injuries." It's unclear whether she told police anything about the circumstances surrounding the accident. The 50-year-old singer was treated for minor injuries and bruises, according to spokeswoman Liz Rosenberg. Rosenberg has said paparazzi leaped out of some bushes and startled the horse Madonna was riding. (AP)

### REALITY TV Work-Life Balance Skewed

**JULIE CHEN** of CBS' "The Early Show" says she and her husband, Les Moonves, are expecting their first child together. Chen, 38, said Tuesday that her due date is Oct. 4. She also hosts "Big Brother" and says she won't be taking maternity leave. (AP)



### DIPLOMACY Ugly American Stereotype Spectacularly Upheld

The New York Daily News is reporting that unlikely "Britain's Got Talent" star **SUSAN BOYLE** has been offered \$1 million to make a pornographic film in which she loses her virginity. "We want to get this movie shot and out while Susan has the world's attention," Kick Ass Film's Mark Kulkis told the newspaper. (EXPRESS)



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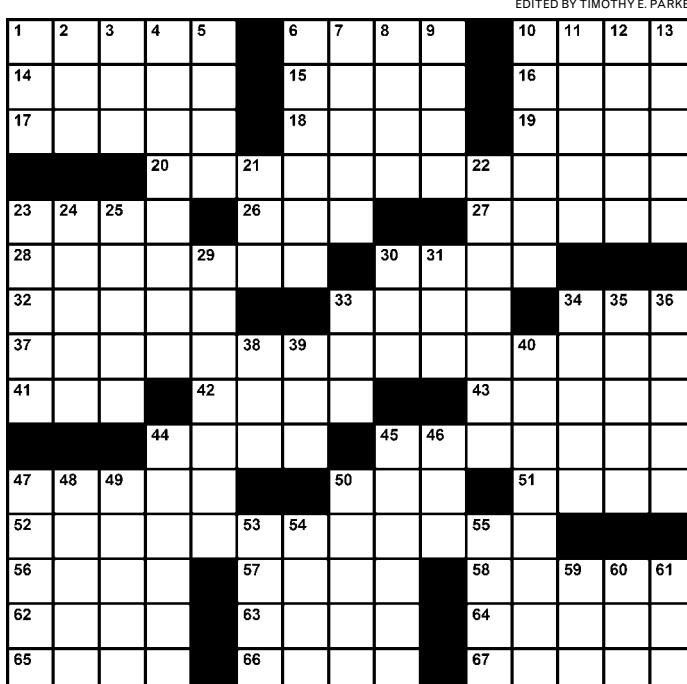
### ACROSS

1 Nest noises  
6 Fall lead-in?  
10 Thick block  
14 "Anybody home?"  
15 She played Glinda in "The Wiz"  
16 Skeletal unit  
17 Forest nymph  
18 "Potpourri for 200, \_\_\_"  
19 They may be on the back  
20 Advice for fishermen  
23 Cracker's focus  
26 Result of hocus-pocus  
27 Wear through weathering  
28 Went silent (with "up")  
30 Obsessive whaler of fiction  
32 Not just feuding  
33 Page with views, briefly  
34 Thumbs down  
37 Advice for rowing crews  
41 Barbecue sound  
42 Some retirement accts.  
43 Crimea conference attended by Churchill  
44 Bela's "Son of rankenstein" role  
45 Tax loophole  
47 Wife of Abraham  
50 Consumed consomme  
51 Study surface  
52 Advice for deck hands  
56 Hip to  
57 Reverse, as a a

typo  
58 Billionaire into books  
62 Possessive declaration  
63 Pirate's potion  
64 Blue-blooded  
65 Defendant, to a juror  
66 Bronte's Jane  
67 Support for a clown

### DOWN

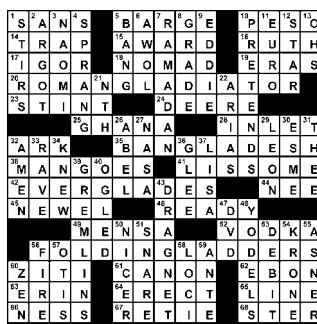
1 A degree of success?  
2 Air homonym  
3 '60s Tarzan Ron  
4 McDonald's tray liner  
5 Part of a float  
6 Metal-coated  
7 Put one's feet up  
8 With a clean slate  
9 Vehicle with a checkered past?  
10 plendiferous  
11 Argentine plain  
12 Earned a hand?  
13 Cookbook directive  
21 Start of a daisy-plucker's phrase  
22 Nickname for a sharpshooter  
23 Hordes  
24 Choral components  
25 Deer offspring  
29 Dream guy  
30 Well-chosen  
31 Cynical laugh sound  
33 Stamps one's approval  
34 "Cape Fear" star  
35 "The Tattooed



Girl" novelist Joyce Carol  
36 Kind of contrast  
38 \_\_\_ y plata (Montana motto)  
39 Word yelled to halt a stickball game  
40 Unlocked area?  
44 Tedious affair  
45 Shemp, for one  
46 Like cool cats  
47 Pinch pennies  
48 Broadway orphan  
49 "Wide World of

Sports" producer Arledge  
50 Gusto  
53 Unusually large  
54 Professor Higgins, to Eliza Doolittle  
55 Billion-year increments, in geology  
59 Triple Crown stat  
60 Alternative to nothing  
61 Riled (up)

### Yesterday's Solution



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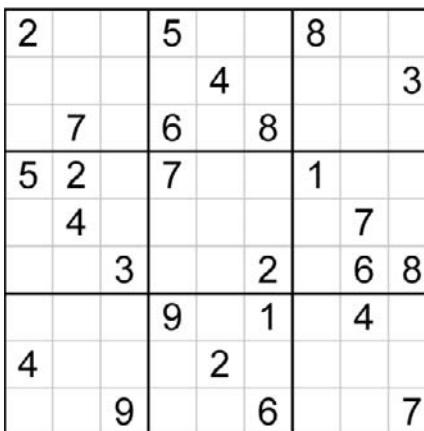
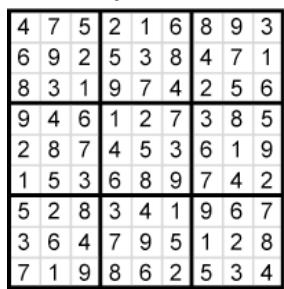
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